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ESCAPED MURDERER RETAKEN

Hull, March 23.
A 24-year-old park labourer, who escaped from custody after being committed for trial on a charge of murdering a girl, was recaptured to-day after many hours widespread search by three aeroplanes, radio cars and hundreds of police.

The man, Stanley Hoff of Cowgate, Weston, had been kept overnight at the police station. He appeared at Hull yesterday charged with the murder of Marjorie King, aged 20, of Watermill Farm, South Newbold, on Feb. 23.

Hoff escaped at about 10.15 a.m. while walking from the police station to the car which was to take him back to Leed's prison.

Hoff was spotted by the pilot of an aeroplane and the police were directed to the spot. Hoff was recaptured at 3.30 p.m. near the Humber about two miles from where he escaped. He escaped almost within sight of his home less than a mile and a half from Brigg.

The prisoner was also charged yesterday with assaulting another girl of 16 after she had left a dance.—Reuter.

U.S. COLONEL CHARGED

London, Mar. 23.
The United States Army Headquarters yesterday announced that charges of conspiracy to inflict cruel and unusual and unauthorized punishment of guardhouse prisoners have been brought against Colonel James Kilian, former commander of the 19th reinforcement depot at Lichfield, England, and five other officers.

Kilian and the others charged appeared as witnesses earlier this year at the court martial of ten enlisted men and two officers accused of mistreating Lichfield prisoners.—Associated Press.

U.S. TROOP WITHDRAWALS

New Delhi, Mar. 23.
The U.S. Under-Secretary of War, Mr. Royal, announces that United States troops in the India-Burma theatre will be reduced to 500 men by May 21.

Troops still there are engaged in turning over 500,000 tons of army surplus to the Indian government.—Associated Press.

Iceland

Washington, Mar. 23.
Secretary of Commerce Henry Wallace told newsmen to-day that United States troops should be withdrawn from Iceland.

He said the move would help to ease the international situation, "since the only interpretation that Russia could place on the continued occupancy would be that it is aimed at them."—Associated Press.

Court's Visit To House Of Horrors

Paris, Mar. 23.
Marcel Petiot, 49-year-old doctor, who is accused of murdering 27 people, appeared to have less assurance to-day and kept his eyes from the public as he entered the dock at to-day's fifth hearing of the trial.

The court adjourned after ten minutes for a visit to Petiot's house. A fleet of cars lined up to take the court and public to the "House of Horrors" in Rue Lebeau, where the remains of the bodies were still in stoves when the police examined it.

A crowd of 100 pressmen and cameramen waited outside the court as Petiot, after a short chat with his counsel, left by a special exit and climbed into a police van, while a huge crowd was crying "murder!"

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"IT WAS MY DUTY" Goering Has The Last Word He Tried To Make Germany Great

MacDougall

London, March 23.
Brigadier David MacDougall, Chief Civil Affairs Officer of the British Military Administration of Hong Kong, left London by air on Thursday for Hong Kong.

He has been in consultation with the Colonial Office.—Reuter.

UNRRA CHIEF ON SHORTAGE

Atlantic City, Mar. 23.
U.N.R.R.A. Director-General Herbert Lehman told the Council meeting yesterday that former President Herbert Hoover and Secretary of Agriculture Anderson do not recognize the full size of the food emergency which faces the world. Lehman referred to a statement by Anderson and another by Hoover that the food emergency would be over when the new harvest is in.

Lehman recommended the world to return to wartime rationing.

"I certainly hope the United States Government will find it possible to take measures which will insure a maximum use of the new crop," he said.

Anderson said previously he thought a return to rationing was "impracticable."

Lehman said: "We have no right to plan here on the basis that the emergency will be over in the next winter. What is needed is more effective action by the governments of the United Nations themselves. I would like to see them agree on the standards of consumption among both supplying and receiving nations."—Associated Press.

No Odds On Peace Being Permanent

Cairo, Mar. 23.
There is widespread disillusion among veteran British troops in the Middle East on prospects of permanent peace, in such international developments as the march of Russian troops through Iran they see the seeds of a new conflict—the age old jockeying for position among big powers that has always led to war in the past.

And to these men whose first-hand study of history won them blood-stained diplomas, the rubs and rivalries of great nations are more depressingly significant of what lies ahead than all the rosy word pictures of a world concord packed by United Nations diplomats.

Realities of battle and discomforts of military life left them a growing yearning for idealism but also suspicious of its realisation in world affairs. They are quick to withdraw into their protective shell of cynicism at the first indication that the world is stepping back into its old familiar pattern with

actions that have always pre-luded strife.

Those who most want peace are now among the first to lose faith in it.

Hate Still Lives

I talked with a young R.A.F. officer, waiting to go home to England who said he was already resigned to fighting in another war. He had just finished one war and was now waiting for the next to begin.

He was quite calm. That was the most appalling thing about it—his lack of emotional protest and his complete absence of resistance to the idea.

He said: "I really believe the world is finished. As long as hate lives in the world what nonsense it is to talk peace. And what did our war do to kill hate? Nothing. What lesson have we learned? None."

"The Jew hates the Arab—the German still hates the Jew. The Austrian hates the Italian—the Italian hates the Yugoslav. France hates the French and I hate Franco. Every person and every nation has its own hatreds. And what can come from hatred but war?"—Associated Press.

"EUROPA" NOT WANTED

Edinburgh, March 23.
The former German liner "Europe" called at Kirkwall in the Orkney Islands to-day on route from New York to Bremerhaven.

The Americans have refused to accept her as she is alleged to be below their accepted standard.

The "Europe" is on her way back to Germany pending a decision of the court of Franco's claim to her. She is said to be "a galleon."

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SIR MARK YOUNG

London, March 23.
The Colonial Office in London to-day would neither confirm nor deny the report that Sir Mark Young, Governor of Hong Kong at the outbreak of the Pacific War, who was a prisoner-of-war in Manchuria until the Japanese surrendered, will return there as governor in May, as stated by well-informed quarters in Hong Kong, according to a Reuter message.

Well-informed circles here, however, expect an announcement to this effect soon.—Reuter.

WOOLWICH ARSENAL MYSTERY

London, March 23.
Policemen disguised as munition workers are searching for a fire-raiser who has started 12 fires in Woolwich Arsenal in the last three

M.I.6 men thought at first that the outbreaks were sabotage, but it now believes they are the work of an irresponsible or deranged person.

But the possibility of the fires being caused by a gang has not been ruled out.

Special watch is being kept at the gates, and night and day patrols over the four square miles of the arsenal are laying traps for the fire raider.

Few of the outbreaks have been serious, although six were reported in 48 hours.

Several hundreds of the 8,000 workers have been questioned.

Kyoto, Mar. 23.
A Japanese hunter to-day found the unidentified body of an American pilot in the wreckage of a Corsair fighter plane on the mountain side 12 miles west of Yokohama, according to the 1st Corps headquarters.—Associated Press.

Churchill Quoted

Although the United States prosecutor, Mr. Robert Jackson suggested that Mr. Winston Churchill's opinions of 1933 Lord Justice Lawrence agreed to permit the reading of extracts from Mr. Churchill's book entitled "Step by Step."

Goering's defense counsels quoted the following passage:

"One can condemn Herr Hitler's system and still marvel at its patriotic achievements. Should our country be defeated I could only desire that we find an equally indomitable champion, who would give us our

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Third French Note On Spain

Paris, March 23.
A new French note on Spain—the third—will be sent to the British and United States Governments by the Foreign Minister, M. Georges Bidault.

It will, it is understood, ask them to consider their point of view about taking action against General Franco's Government and about bringing the Spanish question before the United Nations Organisation Security Council.

Decision to send the note was taken at to-day's meetings of the French Cabinet and represents a compromise between the "too slow" policy of the Foreign Minister and constant pressure upon the Cabinet by its Communist members, who have also so far had the support of the Socialists in this.

M. Bidault is regarded in many official and responsible circles as having got himself into an unnecessary impasse by letting himself be rushed into a decision to close the Franco-Spanish frontier.

Several Spanish Republican leaders in Paris are also of the opinion that this hasty action is undesirable and that the French action, so far, has served only to strengthen Franco's internal position.

Gaining Time

The new French note is regarded as an attempt by the moderate-minded members of the Cabinet to gain time and prevent France getting herself lined up with Russia at the Security Council at the same time making election capital out of the accusations that the moderate are "in favour of Franco."

Meanwhile, negotiations on the Spanish issue are continuing between the French, British and American Governments, according to a statement by the acting French Minister of Information after the Cabinet meeting to-day.

Nevertheless, Mr. Shaw added: "Science has proved that we human beings know little of this problem of human limitation.

"I tell you, my opinion is that no woman, Indian or otherwise, should consent to bear a child unless she is guaranteed by the man at least \$2,000 for doing so."

"That would solve the problem of over-population—and with this typical Shawian shaft, he was gone!"—Reuter.

Meantime, negotiations on the Spanish issue are continuing between the French, British and American Governments, according to a statement by the acting French Minister of Information after the Cabinet meeting to-day.

Well-informed circles believe this indicates that the French have, so far, not taken the decision which they were requested to be contemplating of raising the Spanish question on her own initiative at the U.N.O. Security Council, disregarding Anglo-American opposition to this measure.

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V.D. TREATMENT TO BE COMPULSORY

THE DRIVE TO STAMP OUT VENEREAL DISEASE IN THE COLONY IS CARRIED A STAGE FURTHER BY A PROCLAMATION PUBLISHED YESTERDAY WHICH PROVIDES FOR ITS COMPULSORY TREATMENT IN CERTAIN CASES.

FROM THE PREAMBLE TO THE PROCLAMATION, IT APPEARS THAT IT IS HIS EXCELLENCY THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF, SIR CECIL HAROURT, C. B. C.B.E., HIMSELF WHO HAS DIRECTED THAT THIS PROCLAMATION BE PROMULGATED IN VIEW OF THE PREVALENCE OF THE DISEASE IN HONG KONG WHEREBY THE HEALTH OF THE COLONY AND OF MEMBERS OF THE FORCES IN PARTICULAR HAS BEEN GREATLY IMPAIRED.

The Proclamation provides for the establishment of special practitioners who will render medical treatment for the disease free of charge.

The machinery whereby compulsory treatment of the disease is to be effected is as follows:

Where information is obtained from one or more patients suffering from the disease as to the person from whom it is suspected that the disease was contracted, the Assistant Director of Hygiene shall, unless satisfied that the disease was not so

contracted, issue a notice to the person from whom the disease is suspected of being contracted, calling upon such person (who is called in the Proclamation "the contact") to submit to medical examination and treatment, if necessary. The contact may then either go to a special practitioner who will render to the contact, if necessary, free medical treatment or be referred, then such contact may consult his or her own registered medical practitioner.

The notice will contain particulars of special practitioners and of the places where such special practitioners can be consulted, free of charge. Through the special practitioner's services are rendered gratis, the contact will have to pay the usual and reasonable charges of a medical practitioner if such is consulted.

Clearance Certificate

If the special practitioner consulted is of the opinion that no treatment is necessary, he will issue a "clearance certificate." If a registered medical practitioner is consulted and he is of the opinion that no treatment is necessary, he will issue a "clearance certificate."

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Complaint By A Nazi

Prague, Mar. 23.
Karl Herman Frank, S.S. General, accused of the destruction of a Czech village and massacre of its inhabitants and other crimes, to-day complained to the Special People's Court

here that the judges, witnesses and even the defending counsel were prejudiced.

He asked to be sent for trial with the war criminals at Nuremberg.

After hearing his objections, the court postponed its decision on them until the receipt of directives from the International Tribunal at Nuremberg. Meanwhile, the state prosecutor opened the case against Frank in the course of which a film of the destruction of the village was shown.—Reuter.

QUICK WORK

Yokohama, Mar. 23.
It took the 8th army military court only a day and a half to hear the war crimes trial of the prisoner of war camp guard Shinichi Motoyashiki and to find him guilty and sentence him to 20 years' imprisonment.

Motoyashiki pleaded innocent to beating Americans at the Hiroshima camp.—Associated Press.

PRINCESS IN LONDON

London, March 23.
Princess Elizabeth, youthful heir to the Throne, arrived back in London to-day from her trip to Belfast, where earlier this week she launched the new giant aircraft-carrier "Eagle."

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DEATH

STEVENSON.—On March 23, 1946, Robert Stewart Stevenson, of Tai Foo Dock, aged 35 years. The funeral will take place today, Sunday, at the Protestant Cemetery and the cortège will pass the Monument at 4 p.m.

Power Politics

The Kremlin, trying to destroy Anglo-American unity by persuading Americans that the British Empire is no longer a first-class power and therefore no longer worthy of American support, is being greatly assisted in this campaign by an argument which is being assiduously propounded by officials of the U.S. State Department. This is to the effect that Britain is trying to sustain her position in the world by old-fashioned power politics and by trying to create a balance of power. So long as there are great powers, there always will be power politics and, if nations are to remain independent, there must be a balance of power. The only question to resolve is whether that balance shall be favourable to the peace-loving, freedom-loving nations of the world or whether it shall be favourable to totalitarian expansionist nations.

The State Department, by the attitude adopted at the recent U.N.O. meeting, is merely helping to make a favourable balance less favourable. It is surprising to find Walter Lippmann, who usually takes so sagacious a view of world affairs, has become a spokesman for this school of thought. In a recent column, he wrote of the disputes between Bevin and Vishinsky in the U.N.O. Security Council in terms of such smug, cold-blooded detachment that one might almost be led to the conclusion that it was Britain which had stirred up the strife and that the conclusion of the whole matter was six of one and half a dozen of the other. Lippmann wrote as if wholly unaware that it was Russia which brought two untrue accusations against Britain and that, on both charges, Britain was vindicated by the assembled United Nations. But he went further. Having suggested that this clash of interests between Britain and Russia was no concern of the United States except so far as the United States might play the role of an impartial intermediary, he expressed the fear that the Soviet Union might "set out to become in the Mediterranean and elsewhere a naval and air power." In that case, proclaimed Lippmann, "they might impinge directly on vital interests of the United States." Precisely. American interests are sacred but those of Britain are not worth worrying about. Cannot Lippmann understand what was understood and expressed so cogently during the war—that British and American interests are nearly always in harmony and can be successfully defended only by Anglo-American cooperation? His present reasoning can only lead us through a series of Munichs to another war. The last war came upon us because of this identical form of unenlightened selfishness. No country was prepared to resist aggression unless its own interests were directly threatened. The truth is that the hope of peace lies in a union of free, peaceful nations who are sufficiently enlightened to defend each other against aggression and to make it plain in advance that they will do so. Just as Hitler tried to persuade Britain and America that Austria and Czechoslovakia were none of their business, so now the Kremlin is trying to persuade the United States that the integrity and safety of the British Commonwealth and Empire is no concern of Americans. Britain did not face reality until 1939, just in time to save the world. Britain learned a lesson, but it looks as if Lippmann and the State Department already have forgotten it. Many vain, foolish words were spoken at the beginning.

AMERICA IS MORE SATISFIED
THE LOAN WILL "WORK"

By Denys Smith,

"Daily Telegraph"

Washington Correspondent

important than whether she will look that fact in the face.

Official Predictions

American official predictions, however, are based upon the assumption that the United States Congress will not pass any more Hawley-Smoot tariffs, and that the economic policy which came into effect when the Trade Agreement Act was passed in 1934 will continue. They are also based on the assumption that the world will enjoy political tranquillity.

The non-American world will be borrowing heavily from the United States for the next 20 years, and it is assumed that American loans and investments abroad will amount during that period to £12,500,000,000.

The lending will be heaviest during the next five years, and American loans to Britain, to other nations through the Export-Import Bank, American loans floated through the Bretton Woods Reconstruction Bank and direct American investments will amount to £5,000,000,000. The remaining £7,500,000,000 will be spread over the next 15 years at a gradually increasing rate till American investments abroad level off at about £22,500,000,000 annually.

The £12,500,000,000 figure for the next 20 years is not entirely correct. The figure for the first five years is based upon the programme now projected, while the full total bears a close resemblance to the figure of £10,000,000,000, which all debtor countries owed all creditor countries in 1944.

There is, however, one small, highly significant and little emphasized economic fact which does much to dispel the doubt about the soundness of the British loan agreement and makes the whole economic future assume a rosier hue. That fact is that American imports before the depression were overtaking American exports and had nearly passed them. They were increasing at a rate which meant they would be doubled every 20 years.

There is a familiar story which crops up repeatedly in a variety of forms of the foreign traveller who arrived for a short stay during one of London's famous fogs and was ever convinced that Britain was a country whose people erred about in perpetual darkness. The story provides a simple way of demonstrating the error of drawing deductions from narrow experience.

The Pessimists' Error

That, however, is exactly what the pessimists on both sides of the Atlantic have been doing. They assume the demand of foreigners for American goods will always be greater than the demand of Americans for foreign goods. They draw their conclusions from the history of the war debts without taking into consideration the fact that the early thirties, when the war debt defaults occurred, were abnormal.

Mr. Hal F. Lary, chief of the American Department of Commerce International Balance of Payments Unit, pointed out in a recent study: "Although the precise amount of imports in any given year is uncertain, there cannot be much room for doubt as to their long-run upward trend in keeping with the growth in domestic production and income."

"If we disregard the third, when protracted abnormal financial conditions combined with falling prices and the tariff of 1930 brought imports to exceptionally low levels, the secular trend in the quantity of United States imports up to 1929 represented an annual increase of 3.7 per cent, compounded, or a doubling about every 19 years."

The upward trend of American imports will be helped by developments in the field of communications which made travel quicker and easier. Dollar payments by tourists in foreign countries are likely to increase enormously provided some effort is made by the countries which tourists would like to visit to welcome them.

The United States now occupies the position of the world's creditor nation. Outside the United States, the debtor-creditor position of various nations may vary, but taking the United States on one side and the other nations of the world on the other, the United States, like the village blacksmith, will "owt not any man." Whether as a consequence she "looks the whole world in the face" is less

Geneva, but there were two much-publicized slogans which contain abiding truth. One was Litvinov's about the "indivisibility of peace." The other was the policy proclaimed by the British Government during the Abyssinian war but unfortunately not adhered to—the policy of "steady and collective resistance to all acts of aggression."

buy refrigerators, nylon stockings or cotton shirts.

Turning to the long-range fear, it has already been pointed out that the assumption that American imports will always be less than American exports is not necessarily true, and that if there had been no depression, and no restrictive and short-sighted Government policies imposed in a vain effort to meet the consequences of the depression, American imports would gradually have overtaken exports.

An Encouraging Trend

Imports in 1946 are expected to be about £1,250,000,000. For the first nine months of last year—the latest period for which any official statistics have been issued—they were £703,000,000, which amounted to an eight per cent. increase over the same period the previous year.

The fact that American purchases of foreign goods have already shown a tendency to rise is encouraging. It should be additional proof that the theory that the demand of the outside world for American goods will inevitably and permanently be greater than the American demand for foreign goods is unsound.

Assuming an increase of three per cent. each year, imports will increase to around £1,750,000,000 by 1950, and by 1965 will have reached £2,750,000,000. By that time the expenditures of American tourists are expected to reach £376,000,000. Exports of American goods are expected to level off at about £2,500,000,000.

For some time the main factor in American trade will be the outflow of goods bought by foreign countries with American credits. Then another factor will come into the picture—the inflow of goods representing repayment of credits.

Trade And Currency

The peak, or rather high plateau, of debt-service imports would be reached in 1955, last for a 10-year period and amount to £276,000,000 and over. Then debt-service charges would begin to decline rapidly. Increased American imports, use of American funds for investments abroad and tourist expenditures would bring about a normal situation in which balanced trade would be possible. Imports, visible and invisible, would be sufficient to buy American goods and at the same time pay the interest on American investments.

Moreover, the risks are not so very great and will not last for so very long. Large as the loans are, they are not large when compared with American total production. The increase in purchases of American goods due to the loans will be relatively small. If the United States has inflation it will not be caused by foreign loans, while if the United States is able to prevent inflation by domestic measures the effect of foreign loans will not be sufficient to disturb the situation.

To quote Mr. Lary once again: "If a potentially inflationary situation exists and if controls are imposed or too weak, pressures will come from many sides even if loans to foreign countries are extended. On the other hand, if inadequate controls are maintained foreign loans will not add significantly to inflationary pressure during the reconversion period."

The goods which the foreign countries will buy with their American credits will not in the main be goods which are scarce in the United States, except for building materials. They will not be able to their long-run upward trend in keeping with the growth in domestic production and income.

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than before 1961, to accept their loan on terms more favourable to the lender than those of the American loan.

By

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Conservative Member
For Devizes

our Dominions have shown themselves ready to submit to every sacrifice to help us.

Conditions

Now what would have been the position if we had already had the loan? First, we should have been bound by the conditions of this loan. And there is no reason to think that we should have got a much mouthful more from America's loan on no loan. America has sent us what it is convenient to her to send, and would have done so anyway. The reasons why she did not send more are physical and not financial.

But do the people of England understand that if the financial agreement has been ratified we should then have forfeited the right to accept from our Dominions the assistance which they were anxious to give to us?

Supposing that our Dominions were anxious to lend us money, we would not be allowed, at any

ROBERT LYND'S ESSAY

Laugh And Grow Fat

I wonder how long it will be before a little book that was sent to me the other day, "How to Gain Weight," will become topical again.

Ten or twelve years ago more people seemed to be interested in the question how to lose weight. Apparently human beings are always either fatter or much thinner than they think they ought to be, and they are invariably convinced that, if only they could become thinner or fatter, they would be a race of Apollos and Venuses.

William Banting, who published "A Letter on Corpulence addressed to the Public" in 1863, was the idol of the fat age of the 1930s.

He is said to have been "so obese that it was exceedingly difficult for him to go up and down stairs," and he became fatter and fatter till at last he found a doctor who ordered him to give up milk, butter, sugar and potatoes and to live on a diet which consisted mainly of four ounces of meat, fish or bacon at breakfast, rather more meat, fish and vegetables (but not potatoes) at dinner, and about four ounces of meat or fish at supper.

He was also allowed to drink several glasses of sherry or claret a day. We who just now would regard such a daily menu as beyond the dreams of gluttony can hardly help being astonished on reading that, as a result of this daily gorging, Banting lost two stone and a half in a little over nine months. Lord Woolton with all his austerity never produced better figures.

One could imagine when one reads of some of the cures for obesity, that it is almost impossible to get thin nowadays. The foods that would make us thin are either unprocured or not procurable in large enough quantities.

Take, for example, the bananas-and-milk diet that became a craze among slimmers in pre-war America. I doubt whether just now, even in the blackest market in England, a fat millionaire could get hold of six bananas a day, and even for the necessary milk allowance he would need to have a doctor's certificate.

Another cure for fatness, which consisted of lying in bed for two days and drinking as much milk and lemon juice as you could force yourself to swallow, would be equally difficult to follow in England to-day. But it is good to know that if you had the milk and the lemons and a plausible excuse to stay in bed for two days you would at the end of it have lost pounds and feel as fit as a prize fighter.

The difficulty of getting fatter in the year 1946, however, seems to be just as great as the difficulty of getting thinner. A diet of rime bananas, for example, which helps you to grow thin, is according to my booklet, even more efficacious in helping you to grow fat. "If you get tired of eating bananas alone," writes the author, "why don't you whip some ripe bananas into milk and have this delicious drink several times a day?"

Again, I, who would not mind being a little fatter, would not find it easy to obtain the materials for the anti-leanness cocktail which consists of a fresh egg-yolk mixed in a glass of orange juice to be repeated several times a day.

Most people would experience some difficulty even in following the sleek way to fatness. "Abundant sleep," we are told, "should be secured. Ten to twelve hours

a day is none too much. All thin people should please remember this."

At the same time, I must say I prefer the notion of the rest cure to that of the exercise cure.

Ere long, moreover, like potatoes and milk and other things, seems to make one man fat and another man thin; and I cannot risk becoming much thinner as I do not wish to become entirely invisible.

Perhaps the best advice on how to grow as fat as you would like to be—or as thin as you would like to be—is to maintain what the author calls "a cheerful and serene mental attitude." If the tobacconist has no cigarettes, smile like a boy scout and you will feel an ounce lighter—or heavier—within a quarter of an hour. Crack a joke with your

fishmonger instead of slapping him with a plow which can be put to better uses, and your weight will become an ounce or two nearer normal.

Above all, think of Sir Ben Smith as a lovable character, a sort of Father Christmas in disguise, who is just as anxious to give you oranges and lemons and bananas and grapes as you are to have them.

You will never gain weight merely by grousing about dried eggs. Laugh and grow fat, or thin, or whatever you prefer. I for one am content to do this. A doctor who examined me recently said to me: "A man as thin as you are may easily live to be a hundred if you're not careful."

His last cheered me up so much that I felt a good quarter of a pound heavier after he had gone.

A PEN PICTURE OF ANEURIN BEVAN

Mr. Aneurin Bevan, Minister of Health, who this week reports to the nation on housing, has been called many things in his stormy life, but I think this is the first time he has ever been called a shifted minister.

It sounds horrid, that phrase.

It only means a person who was born left-handed but came, or was persuaded or forced, to use his right hand as much as,

or more than, his left.

Such a change may have a great effect on a man's life. It is a fair speculation indeed that, but for it, Aneurin Bevan would today still be working at the coalface instead of being a Minister of the Crown.

Somewhere in his very early years in the Welsh mining town of Tredegar the young Aneurin made the change from left to right hand.

He himself (he told me the other day) cannot remember how it happened, but he knows it did happen.

Change Sequel

The result? Well, by developing both sides of the brain, such a switch may produce versatility. But also it is liable to cause a stammer and other troubles.

That is what happened to Aneurin, one of the younger children of seven in the crowded four-roomed house of a miner in Charles-street, Tredegar.

Though bright and healthy, he developed a bad stammer. Indeed, you may still notice traces of it to-day when he is tired or excited (and he is often excited).

The stammer meant that he

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CHURCH NOTICES
Sunday, 24th March 1946.
Third Sunday in Lent
ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL
(Garden Road)
Holy Communion at 7.15 a.m., 8.00
Noon, & 7.30 p.m. Matins & Evensong
11.00 a.m. Preacher: Rev. George She,
M.A., Evenings & Evening 6.30 p.m.
Preacher: Rev. M.P.A. Wood, D.S.C.
R.N.V.R., on "The Cross to the man
who falls". Thursday: Holy Communion
at 7.30 a.m. (Wednesday & Friday
Choir practice at 8.00 p.m.)

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND AND
FREE CHURCHES,**
Hong Kong
9.00 a.m., China Fleet Club (For
Services); 6.30 p.m., Challenge Book
Room, I.O. House; All Welcome.
Bible Fellowship in Challenge Book
Room, Thursday at 6.00 p.m.

**CHURCH OF SCOTLAND &
FREE CHURCHES**
KOWLOON
Waterloo Road, Kowloon Tong
11.00 a.m., Preacher: Rev.
R. E. Hyde, R.A.F. 6.30 p.m.
Preacher: Rev. A. Gordon, C.F. Service
Transport leaves Star Ferry at 6.00 p.m.
Tuesday: Bible Study Group, 7.00 p.m.
Bell at Salvation Army Canteen,
Waterloo Road.

**FIRST CHURCH OF
CHRIST SCIENTIST HK.**
(A branch of the Mother Church, The
First Church of Christ, Scientist, Boston,
Mass.) Sunday Service 11.00
a.m., Banquet de l'Inde Chine (French
Bank Building), 2nd floor, Queen's Road.
The subject of the lesson sermon is
in all Christian Science Churches on Sun-
day in: "MATTHEW", The Golden
Text: I Corinthians 10: 14: "My
dearly beloved, flee from idolatry".
Christian Science literature can be
obtained or loaned after the service.
All are welcome.

CHRIST CHURCH
Waterloo Road, Kowloon Tong
7.30 a.m., Holy Communion 9.45 a.m.,
Holy Communion with Hymns and
Hymn. Wednesday 7.45 p.m., Evening
Service followed by talk and discussion
at 8. Flint Road (behind the church).
Subject: "The Idea of Right and
Wrong" Speaker: Rev. T. Burton.

SERVICES FOR H.M. FORCES
At St. Joseph's Church, Holy Mass
at 9.00 a.m., sermon: "A soldier's moral
shipwreck." Father E. Burke, S.J.
At the Catholic Centre, Holy Mass at
5.30 p.m., Week days: At the Catholic
Centre, Holy Mass at 5.30 p.m., on
Monday (Lady Day), Wednesday,
Friday and Saturday.

THE CATHEDRAL
(16, Caine Rd, Tel. 22674)
Morning Services: at 6.00 Holy Mass
(sermon in Chinese); at 7.00 Holy Mass
(sermon in Chinese); at 8.00 Choral
Mass (sermon in English); at 10.00
Choral Mass (sermon in English).
Afternoon Services: at 3.00 Catechism
classes; at 4.00 Rosary and Benediction;
Monday, Feast of the Annunciation of
Our Lady, High Mass and Benediction
at 7.30 a.m., Friday, The "Way of the
Cross" in Chinese at 8.30 p.m., in
English at 8.30 p.m., Week days:
Masses at 6.00, 7.00 and 7.30 a.m.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH
(5, Garden Road, Tel. 23992)
Choral Mass, sermon in English and
Benediction at 8.30 a.m., Friday, The
"Way of the Cross" at 6.00 p.m.
Week day, Holy Mass at 8.00 a.m.

ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH
(Happy Valley, Tel. 27807)
At 7.00 a.m., Holy Mass (sermon in
Chinese); at 9.00 Choral Mass (sermon
in English); at 5.00 p.m., Benediction;
Catholic Action meetings.
Friday, The "Way of the Cross" in
Chinese at 5.30 p.m. in English
at 6.00 p.m., Week days:
Masses at 6.00, 7.00 and 7.30 a.m.

ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH
(St. Louis Ind. School, Tel. 21226)
At 6.00 a.m., Holy Mass (sermon in
Chinese); at 9.00 a.m., Holy Mass (sermon
in Chinese) and Benediction; at
9.00 a.m., Holy Mass,

ST. TERESA'S CHURCH
(Prince Edward Road, Tel. 56217)
At 6.45 a.m., Holy Mass (sermon in
Chinese); at 8.00 a.m., Choral Mass
(sermon in English) and Benediction;
at 10.00 a.m. (particularly for the
Services) Mass (sermon in English) and
Benediction; at 8.00 Choral Masses
in Chinese. Friday, The "Way of the
Cross" at 6.00 p.m., Week days:
Masses at 6.45 and 7.30 a.m.

ROSARY CHURCH
(20, Chater Road, Tel. 50002)
Morning Services: at 6.30 Holy Mass
(sermon in Chinese); at 7.30 Mass
(sermon in English and Chinese); at
8.30 Choral Mass (sermon in English)
and Benediction; at 10.00 Mass (sermon
in English); At 2.00 p.m. Catechism in
Chinese and Benediction, Monday;
The Annunciation of our Lady, Thursday;
At 8.30 p.m., Meeting of the
Apostleship of Prayer (Ladies Section).
Friday, At 7.30 a.m., Mass and the
"Way of the Cross" in Chinese; at
8.45 p.m., The "Way of the Cross" in
English; at 8.15 p.m., Meeting of the
Apostleship of Prayer (Men's Section).
Saturday, At 8.30 p.m., Catechism
classes & Confession for children;

Sunday Gramophone Concert
Classical Programme
at the
Catholic Centre

The Fourteenth Concert of Gramophones Music will be held at the Catholic Centre to-morrow, included in the programme are extracts "Götterdämmerung" and "Boris Godounov", and items by Beethoven, Tchaikovsky and Hayden. The main item on the programme is the Symphony in D Minor by Leoš Janáček. The Catholic Centre is in King's Building, near the Star Ferry. The Concert begins at 8.30 p.m., and admission is free to all.

Programmes for Gramophone Concerts
next Sunday, March 24th, at the
Catholic Centre (See H. K. Gramophone
Institute, Ob. Quartier, Westgate, Plan).
Concerto No. 8 - Brahms' Einiges
Variations-Musik.

SCOTLAND YARD'S MOVE

Special Squad To Protect Ex-Servicemen

Tragic Letter Found On Pilot

Oakland, Mar. 22.
Rescue parties removing the bodies of seven men killed when a Super-Fortress bound from Hawaii crashed 30 miles south-east of San Francisco on Tuesday found a letter apparently addressed to the co-pilot.

The letter read: "Dear Diz—
If you are going to ferfy any war weary babies lack you will. Not that I want to frighten you in the least but they are plenty rough. I lost a lot of buddies on them. They usually crashed on Kwajalein on their way home. But with us co-pilot I am sure nothing will happen." The letter was dated Feb. 18 and was signed "Stan."

The army said the plane was one of five being returned to the United States for overhauling and consigned to surplus property stations. The other four made the trip safely but the doomed aircraft developed engine trouble several hundred miles off the west coast. Associated Press.

Admission At Spy Trial In Canada

Toronto, March 23.
Secret Police were operating
in Canada, was made by Igor Gouzenko, cipher clerk
in the Russian Embassy in Ottawa to-day, while giving
evidence at the trial of Fred Rose, Montreal member of
the Canadian Parliament, charged with communicating
secret information to the Soviet Union.

Gouzenko said that he arrived in Canada in 1943 by air together with Colonel Zabotin, Military Attaché in Ottawa, and Colonel Ramonoff.

Colonel Zabotin set up a military attaché's office distinct from the Soviet Embassy. Gouzenko declared: "There was the centre of the Soviet

Gratuities Lost In Frauds

LONDON, MARCH 23.
A SPECIAL SQUAD OF SCOTLAND YARD DETECTIVES WITH WIDE EXPERIENCE OF ALL FORMS OF FRAUD HAS BEEN FORMED TO PROTECT EX-SERVICEMEN'S GRATUITIES FROM BOGUS CONCERN.

THOUGH THIS ANTI-FRAUD SQUAD UNDER THE COMMAND OF SUPERINTENDENT NAT. THORPE HAS BEEN FORMED ON ORDERS OF SIR HAROLD SCOTT, COMMISSIONER OF POLICE TO DEAL WITH ALL KINDS OF FRAUD, ITS PRIMARY PURPOSE FOR SOME TIME WILL BE TO PROTECT EX-SERVICEMEN.

Share pushers, bucket shop frauds, fraudulent companies and all kinds of financial fraud will be handled by the new squad. They will have the co-operation of the city police with their special knowledge, while the provincial police can call on the help of the squad investigating suspected cases.

Superintendent Thorpe and his men will have the help of the British Legion and other bodies who have already set out to keep servicemen's gratuities from falling into the hands of sharks as happened freely after World War I.

While they are out to protect ex-servicemen and to investigate any case of suspected fraud, the Yard do not wish to be regarded as a business aid bureau.

The new force will be the spearhead of an all-out drive against share pushing speculators, bucket shop swindlers and long firm fraud operators.

A majority of these are already known to the Police and their activities will now be kept under even stricter supervision.

Where it becomes known that a gang is operating in a particular district, the squad will send men to investigate. While the immediate aim of the squad will be to prevent defrauding of thousands of ex-servicemen, it will exist permanently to protect the public.—Reuter.

Atomic War In Arctic

Bofse, Idaho, Mar. 22.
Sir Hubert Wilkins, famed explorer, believes the Arctic Regions can provide either the key to the betterment of mankind or the route for an atomic war.

Gouzenko said that the Russians created a network of espionage operations "using a particular base and that base was the Communist Party in Canada."

In this connection, he said, he has "documents to prove my word."—Reuter.

M.P. Named

Montreal, Mar. 23.
Igor Gouzenko, testified yesterday at the Police Court here that Fred Rose, Communist member of Canada's Parliament, and Sam Carr, national organiser of the Labour-Progressive Party, were "recruiting agents" in a Russian organisation of agents in Canada.

Teating at Rose's preliminary hearing Gouzenko said he exposed the Moscow-directed espionage ring because he had become convinced that Canadian democracy was better than the Russian way of life.

The witness charged that Russia used the Communist Party in Canada as a pivot part of the Soviet spy network and that Russian security police were operating in the Dominion.

Rose, who was accused of sending secret scientific information to Soviet agents, joined the Labour-Progressive Party after the Communist Party was outlawed during the war and was the first Communist to be elected to the Canadian Parliament.

Life In Russia

Gouzenko said he wanted to help both the Russian people and Canadian people by disclosing the Soviet operations.

He said he became impressed by the rights of persons in Canada where a man "actually is master of his own life." He added that in Russia "you do not master your own life; you are subject to regulations and it does not depend on you what you want to go or where you want to work." He said people who criticised the government in Russia "would be shot no more, no less."

The resolution said that such limitations should apply until American correspondents are permitted full freedom of movement throughout Russia and added that guild members demanded that the State Department should move promptly and efficiently to remove restrictions on the American press in Russia that "do not belong to Soviet Russia but are under her military domination"—Associated Press.

DON'T LIKE IT

Tokyo, Mar. 23.
Government efforts to obtain more rice through confiscation of hoarded farm supplies is meeting countrywide reaction ranging from mass opposition and demonstrations to sullen cooperative gestures, the newspapers reported to-day.

No strong measures have yet been taken but "letters of advice" have been dispatched to many farmers warning that failure to fulfil at least three quarters of the Government quota would result in confiscation of whatever remained held on their farms.—Associated Press.

Dutch Troops Arrival Led To Fighting

Batavia, Mar. 23.
Dr. Sultan Sjahir, Indonesian Prime Minister, said in an interview with the Netherlands News Agency here to-day: "I would welcome a joint Anglo-Dutch statement on the future military position, clarifying the present situation."

He added that the arrival of Dutch troops in Java was a contributory cause of the fighting around Bandung. Communications were difficult and violent elements difficult to control.

Dr. Sjahir has sent his Minister of Defence, Amir Soeridin, to Bandung to inquire into the fighting and to dissuade the extremists from further action.

According to Dr. Sjahir's informant, who recently arrived from the interior of Java, four other leaders of the powerful People's Front Party—in addition to the Soviet-trained Communist leader Tan Malaka—have been arrested by the Nationalist Army. Although he was told, would be tried on charges of disturbing the structure of the Indonesian state.

The mystery of "Russian submarines" reported off southern Java remains unsolved.

Photographs taken to-day by Jaya-based Spitfires during extensive reconnaissance flights over the area concerned show no trace of underwater craft, according to the Netherlands News Agency.

The Spitfire flights took place after an official denial last night of reports of the presence of Russian submarines. These were attributed by a Dutch officer to unreliable Indonesian sources.—Reuter.

Diary Causes A Stir

Washington, Mar. 23.
The Pearl Harbour investigating committee got at former Secretary of War Henry Stimson's diary to-day and brought demand from Senator Brewster, Republican, Maine, for the full document.

Brewster said that excerpts Stimson provided the committee with "are parts that he considers relevant to the inquiry. No judicial body ever allowed a witness to determine what is relevant and what is not. We should have the full diary."

Brewster and Senator Ferguson, Republican, Michigan, both of whom are committee members, said they did not consider the document as supplied by Stimson as incisive evidence from him. Ferguson said that he has prepared "more than 200 specific questions" for Stimson and hoped that he would receive "specific answers" because Stimson who is in bad health, was allowed by the committee to be pardoned from being called as a witness, but he arranged that members would submit written questions to him which he would answer.—Associated Press.

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AT
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"CHINESE CRACKERS"
NIGHTLY AT 7.30 P.M.

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ATOM TEST TO BE POSTPONED

Seattle, Mar. 22.
The American Newspaper Guild here to-day reported its members had approved a resolution urging that limitations be placed on Soviet correspondents in the United States comparable with those accorded our correspondents in Russia—no more, no less.

The resolution said that such limitations should apply until American correspondents are permitted full freedom of movement throughout Russia and added that guild members demanded that the State Department should move promptly and efficiently to remove restrictions on the American press in Russia that "do not belong to Soviet Russia but are under her military domination"—Associated Press.

London, Mar. 23.
The Foreign Office said yesterday the atomic test at Bikini atoll would be delayed for six weeks until about July 1. The test involving over 100 warships had been scheduled for May 16.

They said the postponement was due to conflict with the U.N.O. conference in New York, preventing some observers from attending. They also indicated that the heavy Congressional calendar might interfere with the plans of some Senators and Congressmen who are attending.—Associated Press.

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Fear Of Civil War In China Growing

Great Circle To Shanghai

Seattle, March 22.
L. C. Reynolds, Alaska division manager, to-day said that the Pan-American world airways would inaugurate a weekly trans-Pacific chartered trip on the Great Circle route to Shanghai, via Adak and Tokyo.

He said the first flight is scheduled for Sunday and would follow a route from San Francisco via Honolulu and Midway, surveying the Tokyo-Adak Seattle route on the return trip.

"The reason for surveying the Tokyo-Adak-Salt Lake route on the return trip is that these regions have never heretofore been favoured by commercial aircraft," he said. Flying the Great Circle route, he said, would save 2,900 miles on the East trip.—Associated Press.

VOLCANIC ERUPTION

Tokyo, Mar. 23.
Evacuation of two villages on the Nakurumina Peninsula in southern Kyushu has been completed, the Kyodo news agency reported to-day as the volcano eruption continued at the Minami Dake Peak.

Evidently the evacuation was made without incident from the villages of Kurokami and Arimura which are in the pathway of the reported lava flow.

Kyodo reported the peak is still belching smoke and that ash is falling in Kagoshima some three miles distant.

Prefectural authorities have dispatched new parties of experts to investigate.—Associated Press.

NOTABLES ARRIVE

Seattle, Mar. 22.
Fifteen war brides, 2,900 war veterans from the Pacific area and several Chinese notables arrived in Seattle yesterday aboard the S.S. "General Hugh Scott."

The passengers included Lieutenant-General Ho Chuk-kuo, chief-of-staff for the Chinese Nationalist army which fought the Japanese in North China. He is en route to Johns Hopkins University Medical School at Baltimore for treatment for blindness, and Miss Adele Lin, daughter of Lin Yu-tang, the famous writer, returning home to her parents in New York after two years in China. Others were author Shu Sheh-yu (pen-name Wan Laushaw) and playwright Wan Chia-nao.—Associated Press.

Detroit, Mar. 23.
Ward's automotive reports estimated this week's production of passenger automobiles and trucks by United States and Canadian factories at 375,270 units, the highest level recorded since the war's end.—Associated Press.

POST OFFICE NOTICES

MAIL NOTICE

OUTWARD MAIIS,	
Sunday, 24th March.	
Kwong Fook Cheung Luan Hop II By Train	9.00 a.m. 9.00 a.m. 4.00 p.m.
Monday, 25th March.	
Kwong Sal Kwok Hing By Air (Reg.) C.N.A.C. Plane (Reg.)	9.00 a.m. 9.00 a.m. 1.45 p.m. 2.00 p.m.
Tuesday, 26th March.	
Cheung Leo By Train	8.30 p.m. 8.00 p.m. 4.00 p.m.
Wednesday, 27th March.	
Kwong Fook Cheung Nam Haug Palahan Samvansan Empire Peris Glenmarie C.N.A.C. Plane (Reg.) By Train	9.00 a.m. 9.30 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 8.15 p.m. 8.30 p.m. 4.00 p.m.
Thursday, 28th March.	
Garden Park H.M.S. Ferminor By Air (Reg.) Doctor Lykes	10.00 a.m. 1.45 p.m. 2.00 p.m. 4.00 p.m.
Friday, 29th March.	
Foochow By Air (Reg.) Parcels	10.00 a.m. 1.45 p.m. 2.00 p.m. 4.00 p.m.
Saturday, 30th March.	
Shanghai Airmail for London, Calcutta, Rangoon, Singapore & Sydney Airmail for Canton & Hoihow	10.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.
U.S.A., Canada, Central & South America via San Francisco Shanghai	10.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.
U.S.A., Canada, Central & South America via San Francisco Shanghai	10.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.
Shanghai, U.S.A., Canada, Central & South America via Seattle	10.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m. 10.00 a.m.
Whitman Victory (Reg.) (Ord.)	8.30 p.m. 8.45 p.m. 4.00 p.m.

WITH BIG ISSUES AT STAKE, INCLUDING EVEN A POSSIBILITY OF OPEN CIVIL WAR, VARIOUS QUARTERS IN CHUNGKING ARE ANXIOUSLY FOLLOWING THE QUARREL BETWEEN THE KUOMINTANG AND OTHER PARTIES, ARISING FROM WHAT BOTH THE COMMUNISTS AND DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE CHARGED WAS AN ATTEMPT BY THE KUOMINTANG TO PRESERVE ONE PARTY RULE IN CHINA.

THE GOVERNMENT'S STAND, AS EXPRESSED BY DIFFERENT SPOKESMEN, IS THAT OTHER PARTIES WERE DELIBERATELY MISREPRESENTING FOR THEIR OWN PURPOSES THE DECISIONS OF THE RECENT KUOMINTANG CONGRESS.

The congress, they said, had endorsed the agreements reached at the inter-party political consultation conference in January, which outlined the plans for reorganisation of the Government, reorganisation and re-nationalisation of the army and a comprehensive programme for peaceful national reconstruction.

General Chou En-lai, Communist number two is now in Yenan, Communist capital in Shensi, where he is consulting Communist leaders and is expected to return here shortly.

Although the quarrel has serious potentialities, it is generally believed that it will be peacefully composed, eventually in view of the statement made yesterday by Le Lung-chi, spokesman for the Democratic League, that the inter-party meeting on March 20 had decided that the members of the state council when it is reorganised into an all-party supreme ruling authority in China, need not be approved by the Kuomintang standing committee if they are not members of the Kuomintang.

Not Easy

Thus the Standing Committee will only be responsible for the election of 20 Kuomintang members on the council, with the other 20 members chosen by other parties themselves.

The selection of non-Kuomintang members of the council, however, is not going to be easy.

Le Lung-chi told correspondents to-day that the League would insist on at least 14 seats for themselves and the Communist Party, with the Communist Party being conceded a preponderating number.

This would mean that the League would agree to the Communists having a minimum of 14 seats out of the 14 wanted by both parties. If the Communists and the League share 14 seats between them, that will leave only six seats for the China Youth Party and the non-partisan group, which would hardly satisfy them.

CHUNGKING, MAR. 23.

Chinese aviation sources announced to-day that 20 persons were killed in the crash of a Chinese National Military Affairs Commission plane near Nanking on March 17. A search party reported that of all the bodies found, only five were identified, including Chin Hien-fang, of the commission's Bureau of Investigation and Statistics, two of his bodyguards, one aide and one translator.

Reports that higher officials of the bureau were among the victims are unconfirmed as yet.—Associated Press.

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HAINAN RELIEF

The China Youth Party was formed one of six minor factions comprising the League, but it has in the past few months gone its own way. Though it has not openly seceded from the League, it has, in fact, done so and, therefore, should be considered China's fourth party. The first three in order would be the Kuomintang, the Communist Party and the Democratic League.

Pregnant Situation

The Youth Party is expected to demand at least five seats in the State Council, though it is believed that it will be satisfied with four.

If the Communists and the League get together and get 14 seats and the Youth Party gets four, there will only be two left for the non-partisans who are not likely to allow themselves to accept or be controlled with this small fraction of the total number of seats on the State Council of 40.

Thus the question of dividing among themselves, these 20 seats allotted to parties other than the Kuomintang is pregnant with difficulties.

Much wrangling is expected and the same applies to the Executive Yuan or Cabinet when it is re-organised into an all-party body.

Not Too Optimistic

The Government is expected to make or create a number of new ministries, but neither the Communists nor the Democratic League will be contented unless they are given positions of real, instead of nominal authority.

Lo Lung-chi made this clear to newsmen yesterday, when he said that the League considered all agreements applicable to the rest of China, and that they should apply also to Manchuria "as part of China."

The League in a statement said: "We cannot be too optimistic about the political situation in China, until the north-eastern situation is properly solved and until the day that a Coalition Government is successfully organised and the draft constitution of the political consultation conference is adopted."—Associated Press.

Soong predicted that Governmental costs would be slashed by abolishing some offices and combining others. He added the costs of supporting China's top-heavy military organisation were scheduled to be reduced substantially with the reorganisation and demobilisation of the war-time forces.

The attack on Soong was one of the strongest in his political career. Council members bombarded him with questions centred on the alleged failure of

the Government to meet the problems of the swollen costs of living, provide adequate food supplies and communications, and corruption and "squeezes" practices of Government officials, particularly in the liberated areas of China.

Forces' Education

The Forces Education & Vocational Training Centre at St. Joseph's College will be open for the enrolment of students on both at the following times: Monday and Tuesday between 9 a.m. and 10 p.m.

All servicemen interested are invited to call at St. Joseph's College during these times or to see their Unit Education Officer immediately.

Classes will be available in the following subjects as from Wednesday: Mathematics, English, French, Economics, History, Geography, Physics, Chemistry, Art, Photography, Shortland, General Knowledge, Motor Mechanics, Woodwork, Bricklaying, Leather work, Biology.

Classes will also be made available in the following subjects when there are sufficient applicants for them:

German, Cantonese, Biology, Plumbing, Electricity & Radio, Law & Police Law, Architecture.

"KELLY'S DIRECTORY"

As a contribution towards the rehabilitation of commercial life in the Colony the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce is inviting the business community to send in entries and corrections for "Kelly's Directory of Merchants, Manufacturers & Shippers", as will be noted from an advertisement in this issue. During the war years this well-known publication omitted the information usually given under the headings "Hong Kong" and "British Malaya" and inserted instead the neat explanatory line "Temporarily in Japanese Occupation".

The prophetic and optimistic note of this announcement having now been justified, it is up to business firms to see that their names appear "on the active list" at the beginning of Hong Kong's second century.

CHINA'S ECONOMY IN SERIOUS STATE

Chungking, March 23.

At the meeting of the People's Political Council yesterday Premier T.V. Soong said that Chinese economy was "in a very serious state" but should improve during the next three months if the people cooperated with the Government.

Replying to angry questions from members of the Council, who complained that the Chinese economic position had steadily worsened since the end of the war, Soong said that loans from the United States and Canada will bolster Chinese economy and meet some of China's most pressing problems.

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Clad To Resign

After a five-hour session, Soong challenged critics to provide a plan to solve China's complicated economy system and he said he would gladly resign the Premiership if a suitable successor was found.

General Chen Cheng, War Minister, was also sharply criticised and questioned by members who had previously put Premier T. V. Soong under fire.

Members of the Council urged rapid demobilisation of the excess army forces and the unification without delay of the army to include Communist troops.

Chen admitted the Government was considering the establishment of labour corps to be composed of demobilised soldiers but said this and the transfer of other soldiers to the Ministries of Communication, Education or to police organisations were scheduled to be reduced substantially with the reorganisation and demobilisation of the war-time forces.

Moscow, through its radio and through articles in "New Times" has been attacking Iran and the Arab League for their rapprochement with Turkey, which, herself, is a constant object of Russian attacks in the war of nerves now going on. The Russians are suspicious of all these moves, claiming that they are nothing but British machinations to organise the labour corps as a violation of the demobilisation agreement.

London, March 23.
The Anglo-Trans-Jordan Treaty signed in London to-day is believed to follow closely the model of the Anglo-Iraq Treaty of 1930, which terminated the Iraq mandate.

The main political articles are believed to be: Firstly—The establishment of the independence of Trans-Jordan and provide for a state of perpetual peace and friendship between Britain and the Trans-Jordan Government.

Secondly—Provide for the exchange of diplomatic representations.

Thirdly—Provide that neither country shall adopt an attitude to any third country inconsistent with their mutual friendship.

Fourthly—to establish that responsibility for maintaining order rests on the Government of Trans-Jordan. Fifthly—to sponsor Trans-Jordan's application for membership of the United Nations Organisation.

The treaty with Trans-Jordan was signed by Ibrahim Pasha Hashim, Premier of Trans-Jordan and for Britain by the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, and the Parliamentary Secretary for Colonies, Mr. Creech Jones.

The text will not be published until the treaty is submitted to Parliament next week, but it is understood that it contains important military clauses, providing for mutual assistance in war and the protection of the important oil pipelines running through Trans-Jordan from Kirkuk in Iraq to Haifa in Palestine.

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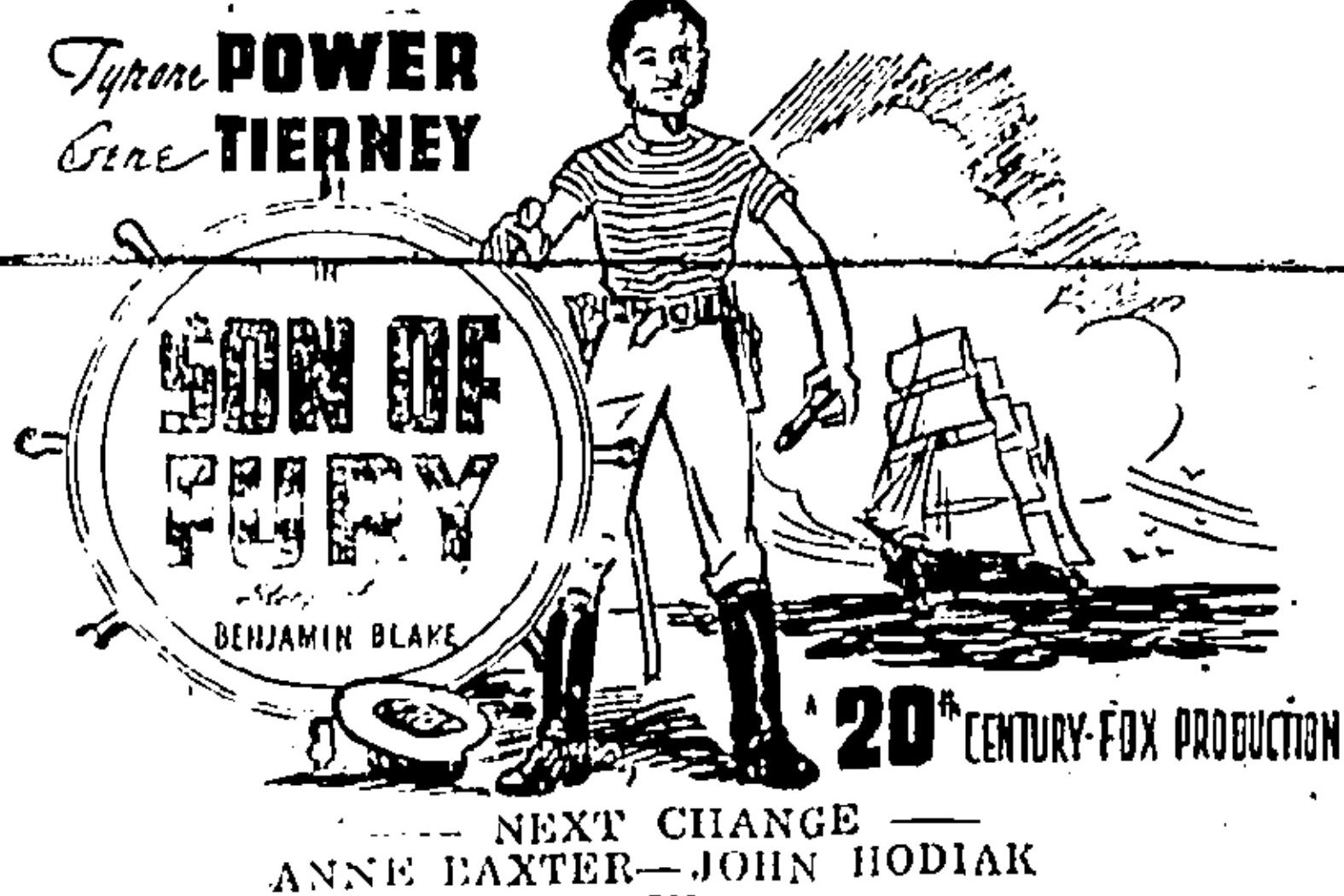
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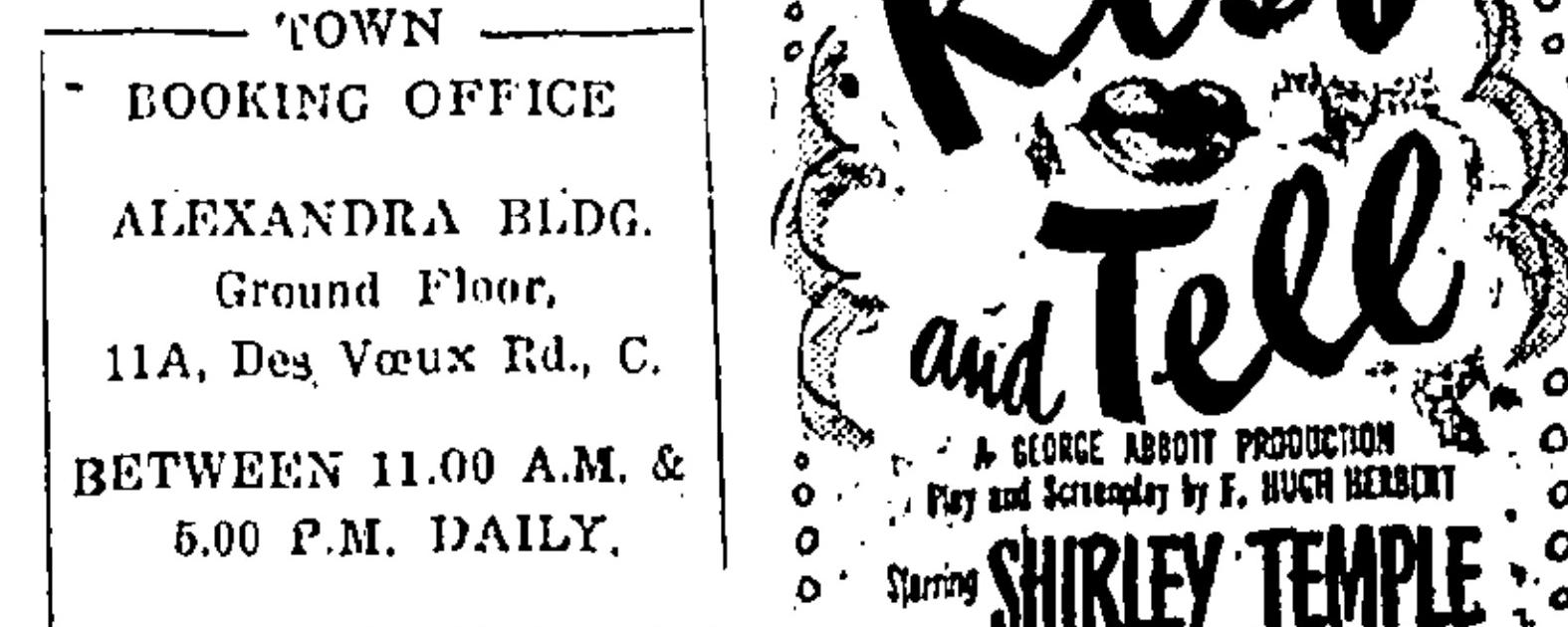


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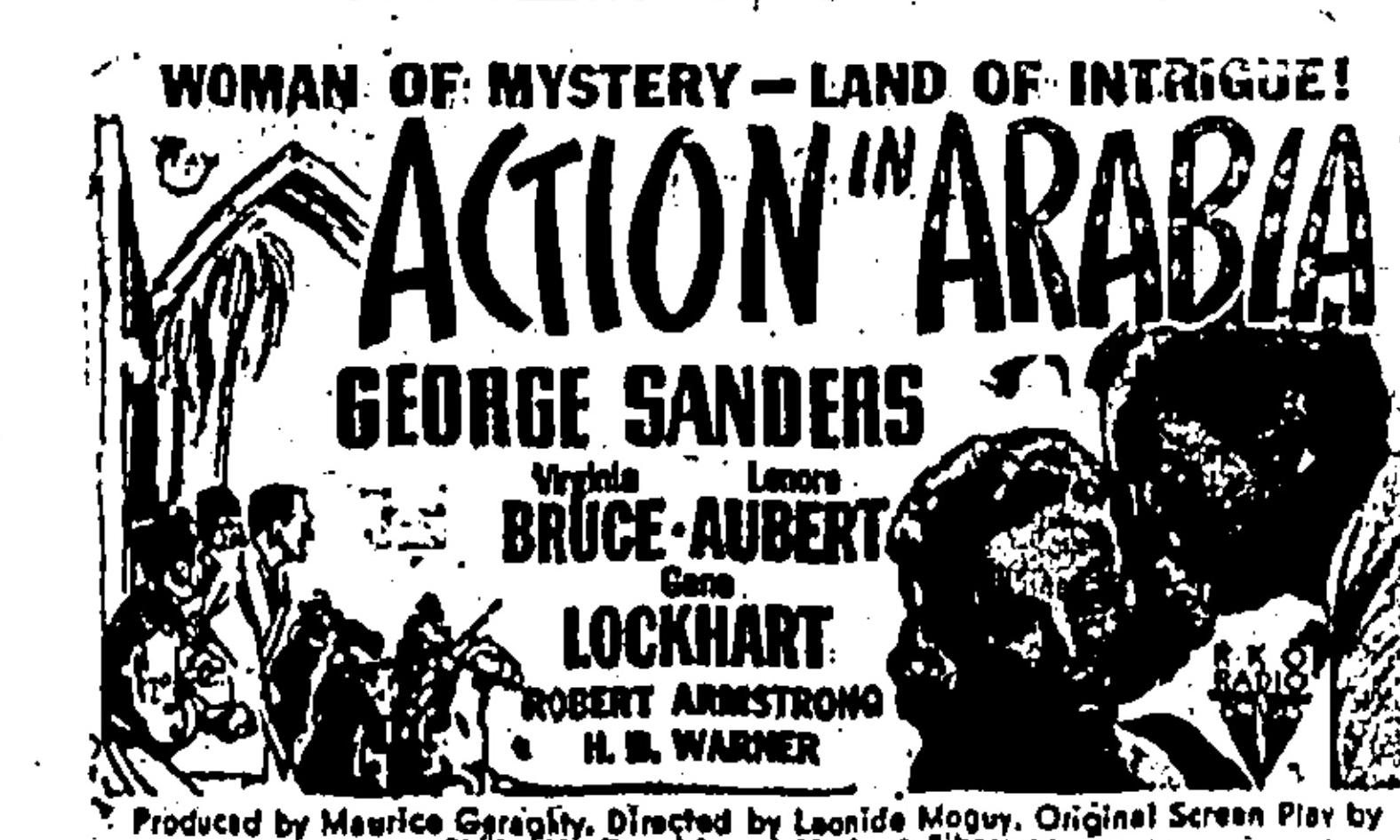
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Stalin Makes Appeal For World Peace

LONDON, MARCH 23.
GENERALISSIMO STALIN TOLD AN AMERICAN CORRESPONDENT, ACCORDING TO THE MOSCOW RADIO TO-DAY: "I ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE UNITED NATIONS ORGANISATION AS AN IMPORTANT INSTRUMENT FOR SAFEGUARDING PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY. ITS STRENGTH CONSISTS IN THE FACT THAT IT IS BASED ON THE PRINCIPLE OF EQUALITY AMONG STATES AND NOT ON THE DOMINATION OF SOME OVER THE OTHERS. I AM CONVINCED THAT NATIONS DO NOT WANT A NEW WAR, BUT ONLY PEACE."

The Soviet Premier said: "I believe that the present talk about war is caused by some politicians, who are moving seeds of dissension and uncertainty."

"To preserve peace and tranquility, war-mongers should be exposed and given no opportunity of abusing the freedom of speech against the interests of peace,"

Generalissimo Stalin's statements were made in the form of replies to a series of questions on the international situation. It is the second interview which the Soviet leader has given within a fortnight. The first was a reply to Mr. Winston Churchill, in a similar form of replies to questions, which appeared in the Soviet newspaper "Pravda."

Positive Role

The following are the questions and their answers. What importance do you attach to the organisation of the United Nations as a means to safeguard world peace?"

Answer: "I attach great importance to the organisation of the United Nations, as it is an important instrument for safeguarding peace and international security. The strength of this international organisation consists, in fact, that it is based on the principle of equality between states and not on the principle of domination of some by others. If the organisation of the United Nations succeeds in future in preserving the principle of equality, it will undoubtedly play a great and positive role in the interest of ensuring universal peace and security."

"What, in your opinion, has caused the present apprehension of war that is felt by many people in many countries?"

Answer: "I am convinced that neither nations nor their armies desire a new war. They want peace and are striving towards ensuring it. Thus, the present fear of war is not caused from that quarter. I think it is caused by the actions of some political groups engaged in propaganda, who are sowing the seeds of dissension and uncertainty."

"What must the Governments of freedom-loving countries do now to preserve peace and tranquillity throughout the world?"

Answer: "It is imperative that the public and ruling circles of states organise counter-propaganda against the propagandists of new war, and in the interests of security that no utterance of propagandists of a new war be left without adequate rebuff by the public so that the war-mongers be exposed in good time and given no opportunity of abusing the freedom of speech against the interests of peace."

General opinion, however, of those closely watching the international scene was that the Generalissimo had eased the prevailing tension somewhat by expressing faith in the U.N.O. and discounting the talk of a possible war. They noted that Stalin's remarks about war propagandists were couched in terms such as he applied to Churchill after the latter's Missouri address. — Associated Press.

Cannot Criticise

In Washington the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Mr. Sam Rayburn, commenting on Generalissimo Stalin's interview with an American correspondent, said that the Generalissimo's views on war and peace

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Mining Is Looking Up --Shinwell

London, March 23.
Giving his opinion that Britain's output of coal for March would probably be greater than that of February, Mr. Shinwell, Minister of Fuel, said: "I am glad to say that for some weeks now the intake of men into the industry is in excess of wastage and we expect this process to continue. If it does we shall be able to build up a reserve."

He attempted an improvement in output, better spirit in the mining industry as a whole; return of more experienced miners workers from the forces; downward trend in absenteeism and higher output per mineshaft.

"There is a new atmosphere in the country about the mining industry and I should not be surprised if instead of difficulties in the labour force there may be no place for those who wish to enter. At one time it looked as if the factories would have to be closed down with greater stringency. Owing to the fine efforts of miners we need have no fear for the moment, but now we must look forward to the Summer," he said. — Reuter.

JAPS. LEAD ATTACK ON BRITISH

Batavia, Mar. 23.
One of the two Japanese officers who led 100 Indonesians in an attack on an allied patrol in a wood south of Semarang was killed and the other wounded in an exchange of machine-gun and rifle fire, a British communiqué said yesterday.

A Netherlands officer was killed and three Netherlands soldiers wounded in other actions east of Batavia and Klender where native villages have been cleared.

The communiqué said the Indonesians intermittently sniped at Bandoeung throughout the night. — Associated Press.

New Delhi, Mar. 23.
British troops yesterday arrested a parading band of about 80 policemen demonstrating for the second day in protest against food and pay conditions.

Tear gas was used against several demonstrators who attempted to escape over the rooftops. — Associated Press.

Rounded Hipline Feature Of New Fashions

(By Cynthia Lowry)

Paris, March 23.
Lucien Lelong opened Paris' spring fashion collections today introducing a novel silhouette, a tricky, rounded hipline and an extremely low decollete. The silhouette he favours in practically all of his dresses and suits is an extremely slim skirt with the fullness, if there is any, in the front. From the waist the lines go out sharply and squarely to exaggerated shoulders giving even the smallest woman a tall look.

The rounded hipline effect is used in suits with a long back, reaching almost to the mid-thigh and coming up higher in front. In evening and formal clothes—most of the latter strapless—he has an overdraped reaching almost on the hemline and coming up in front to be caught at the belt.

Many of his formal dresses have square necks, with a touch of lace preventing a bare look. All were lower than anything seen in last autumn's collection.

Important, too, is the fact that Lelong favours much longer skirts. His suits reach at least to the top of the calf, well below the bend of the knee. More formal clothes are even longer.

As far as colour is concerned, he favours a delicate shade of mauve worn in all sorts of combinations, but particularly with black. He also likes brilliant orange and odd shades of yellow. There are many prints with the predominant designs large and tight, looking almost as if they were solid colours.

Famous Dresses

His famous black dresses are liberally represented in the collection with intricate necklines and gracefully draped fronts. Many of the Lelong collection was shown with spring hats of Legoux Boats. — Fabulous Press.

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Muenster, Mar. 23.

Cardinal Count von Galen, Roman Catholic Bishop of Muenster, who was recently invested with the Red Hat by the Pope, died here to-day at the age of 68.

Cardinal von Galen became world famous during the war for his denunciation of Nazism. "British bombs are better for Germany than Nazis," he said in October, 1941. Later, it was reported that Hitler wanted to shoot von Galen but was warned off by Cardinal von Galen.

A carefully worded announcement linked the undertaking with the Canadian army's current "Muske Ox" expedition to strategic far north area into which the Navy also sent the carrier "Midway" for tests.

At Canada's invitation, the army air force's cooperation with the Muske Ox expedition which started on a 3,000-mile trip will swing around northwest Canada this month to obtain data for military operations under extreme cold weather conditions. The flights will cover the most northerly points reached by the Muske Ox round party.

One specific purpose was given as a study of "radio propagation." — Associated Press.

ATTEMPT ON LIFE OF BISHOP

Vatican City, Mar. 23.
The Observatory Romano, Vaticano organ, stated yesterday that unknown persons attempted to kill Bishop Osella, Apostolic Administrator of Novara, with a bomb.

Novara is one of the leading cities of the industrial Piedmont region.

A report from there said the bomb was placed on the stairs leading to the Bishop's apartment in the Episcopal Palace. The bomb was found by a group of seminarians. The Bishop was warned and when the bomb exploded, damaging the staircase, it inflicted no injuries. — Associated Press.

FAIRBANKS TO PRODUCE

Los Angeles, March 23.
Cmdr. Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., former prominent motion picture player, has been placed on inactive status at the Naval Officer Separation Centre and announced he plans to return to the films as a producer.

Fairbanks was commissioned a Junior Grade Lieutenant in March, 1941, after four years in the Naval service. He participated in actions in Tunisia, Sicily, Salerno and France, and put in considerable time in submarine and cruiser duty. — Associated Press.

U.S. TROOPS IN ICELAND

Washington, Mar. 23.
Thor Thore, Iceland's Minister to the United States, told newsmen yesterday: "You can see that the government of Iceland definitely has not asked" the evacuation of American forces from Iceland.

The decision was prompted by recent disturbances in Iceland, particularly a riot at Reykjavik. Iceland says the Icelandic Socialistic Youth Organisation has distributed pamphlets demanding the immediate evacuation of Americans from Iceland.

The American forces in Iceland are to be evacuated.

NEW CLIPPERS

Farmingdale, N.Y., Mar. 23.
The Republic Aviation Corporation reveals that Pan-American World Airways have ordered 12 additional "Rainbow Clippers" at a cost of \$1,125,000 each. They had previously already ordered six "Rainbow bows," with a cruising speed of 400 miles an hour and a capacity of 46 persons. — Associated Press.

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Hong Kong, 21st March, 1946.

NOTICE TO MARINERS NO. 23 of 1946

HONG KONG PORT REGULATIONS

Amendment to Sec. (6) & (7) of Appendix B.

1. Under the provisions of Merchant Shipping Ordinance No. 10 of 1899, Section 22 (5), it is hereby ordered that during the Typhoon Season, i.e. 1st June 15th October, all ships within harbour limits shall when any typhoon signal is hoisted immediately clear away anchors and cables and raise steam on the main engines to such extent as may be possible under the circumstances.

2. When any typhoon signal other than No. 1 is hoisted, all ships at Government buoys, which are not classified as Typhoon Buoys, and vessels berthed alongside wharves or quays shall shift to a typhoon anchorage or buoy specially fitted with typhoon mooring before the hoisting of such signal. It shall be lawful for the Harbour Master to order any ship at a special class typhoon mooring or at any berth in the harbour to give place to any other ship whenever in his opinion the circumstances justify such order.

N.B. Nothing in these regulations shall prevent any ship which is already at a Typhoon buoy from making use of a typhoon anchorage in preference to such buoy.

Authority:—Harbour Department.

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